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ARMED AVONDALE METH DEALER SENTENCED TO 8 YEARS IN PRISON

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Luis Hernandez, 29, a Mexican national, was sentenced on September 26, 2006, to ninety-six months in prison, followed by four years of supervised release, by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Martone. Hernandez had pleaded guilty on March 22, 2006 to Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

On July 15, 2005, Hernandez was found in possession of approximately 37 grams of methamphetamine and a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Avondale Police stopped Hernandez as he drove away from the vicinity of a shots-fired call in a vehicle matching the description of the vehicle involved in the shots-fired. Police arrested Hernandez for possessing the concealed .45 caliber pistol and located the methamphetamine during a subsequent search of the defendant. It was later determined that Hernandez was not involved in the shots-fired.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Avondale Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by Emory Hurley, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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